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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM PFOR NATO

SUBJ: SPRING MEETING OF NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

REF: USNATO 329

1. ALTHOUGH NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION UNTIL THEIR FEBRUARY 24 MEETING, POLADS ON FEBRUARY 10 HAD SUBSTANTIAL EXCHANGE ON BOTH PROPOSED DATES AND PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE SPRING MEETING OF NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS. IN VIEW OF EARLY SPRING NAC MINISTERIAL THIS YEAR (MAY 20-21 IN OSLO), AGENDA FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS PRIOR TO THE MINISTERIAL IS RAPIDLY FILLING UP. POLADS THEREFORE DECIDED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT MARCH 25-26 SEEMED MOST SUITABLE DATES FOR THE MEETING OF DISARMAMENT EXPERTS AND AGREED TO RECOMMEND THOSE DATES TO CAPITALS.

2. FRG AND BELGIAN DELEGATIONS SUBMITTED PAPERS PROPOSING ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE DISARMAMENT EXPERTS AGENDA (SEE TEXTS BELOW).

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER US CAN AGREE TO MARCH
25-26 DATES, ON ON US VIEWS CONCERNING CONTENTS OF AGENDA.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF FRG PAPER:

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE WITH DISARMAMENT
EXPERTS

--TEST BAN ISSUES
--ARMS CONTROL ASPECTS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS
--HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICTS
--ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE
--NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
--MILITARY EXPENDITURES
--ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT
AND POSSIBLY:
--ASPECTS OF NONPROLIFERATION
--NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES
--CONTINUATION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS DISCUSSION
END TEXT.

5. BEGIN TEXT (MISSION'S TRANSLATION) OF BELGIAN PAPER:
SUBJECT: POLITICAL COMMITTEE WITH DISARMAMENT EXPERTS

THE AGENDA COULD INCLUDE:

A) QUESTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE CCD:

--PROHIBITION OF GEOPHYSICAL WARFARE
--PROHIBITION OF NEW TYPES OR SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION
--BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL WEAPONS
--HALTING NUCLEAR TESTS
--PERHAPS THE STRUCTURE OF THE CCD

B) QUESTIONS RELATING TO NONPROLIFERATION:

--FINNISH DEMARCHES CONCERNING IMPORTATION OF
NUCLEAR MATERIAL
--PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS
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C) THE GENEVA DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT OF
HUMANITARIAN LAW IN ARMED CONFLICTS.

BY THAT TIME, WE WILL HAVE THE RESULTS OF THE EXPERTS'
CONFERENCE ON CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS PRESENTLY
MEETING IN LUGANO.

D) PREPARATION OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE SEABEDS
TREATY. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO
MEET IN EARLY 1977.

E) THE ADHOC COMMITTEE CREATED BY RESOLUTION 3484B OF
THE 30TH UNGA WHICH IS CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE ROLE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT.
THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE ENDED ON JANU-
ARY 29 IN NEW YORK, AND THE SECOND WILL TAKE
PLACE IN MID-JUNE.

F) THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS MADE TO THE CCD IN 1975 CON-
CERNING CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS.

G) ALTHOUGH NOT THE USUAL PRACTICE FOR THIS TYPE OF MEET-
ING, MY AUTHORITIES WONDER IF, ON THE OCCASION OF THE
PRESENCE OF THE DISARMAMENT EXPERTS, THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE COULD NOT HOLD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ABOUT
THE SOVIET DOCTRINE OF "MILITARY DETENTE" AND ITS
IMPLICATIONS FOR WORK IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD.

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